

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

***Arlington School Committee
Standing Subcommittee: Community Relations
Thursday, September 19, 2024
5:00 PM***

Conducted remotely via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87323729374?pwd=MVQrcmNxc2syR0JYQkx3b2NmWTJTQT09>

Open Meeting (L. Exton)

Approval of Minutes

- *Meeting Minutes - June 6, 2024*

Buffer Zone Update and Discussion

School Committee Chat Discussion

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.

Submitted by L. Exton

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Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Meeting Location - Remote

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ATTACHMENTS:

Type	File Name	Description
▢ Minutes	CR_Minutes_June_6__2024.pdf	Minutes - June 6, 2024

Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
6/6/2024
Remote

Present: Liz Exton, Laura Gitelson, Jeff Thielman

Schools: Liz Homan, Weslie Etienne Pierre, J Charles-Balan, Michaiah Healy

Town: Susan Brunton

Meeting opened at 2:03pm.

Minutes Approval

Motion by Jeff Thielman, second by Laura Gitelson

Approved 3-0.

Proposed Buffer Zone Changes

Dr. Homan presented priorities in the schools and reasons for buffer zones: balanced and predictable class sizes, sustainability of adjustments over time, flexibility for APS, stability for families, ensuring equity of access, maintaining neighborhood schools, minimizing road traffic.

Additional Factors that may impact Buffer Zones:

MBTA Communities Act may have long term impact.

Buffer Zone limitations: Spy Pond, parental preference,
METCO at Hardy, Bishop, Peirce

Goals for New Buffer Zones:

Might make sense to get new projections

Placement of SLC programs

Consideration of MS model, possible MSBA SOI for OMS

Jeff: comments about keeping Gibbs separate from OMS. MSBA conversation 7/8 school. Will MSBA fund a 7/8 school?

Buffer Zones were created twelve years ago. They have not been altered since.

Jaff recommends doing new projections

Jeff Thielman motions to adjourn 2:54pm

Laura Gitelson seconds the motion.

3-0 vote to adjourn.



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